

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 2990 as passed by the Eightieth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

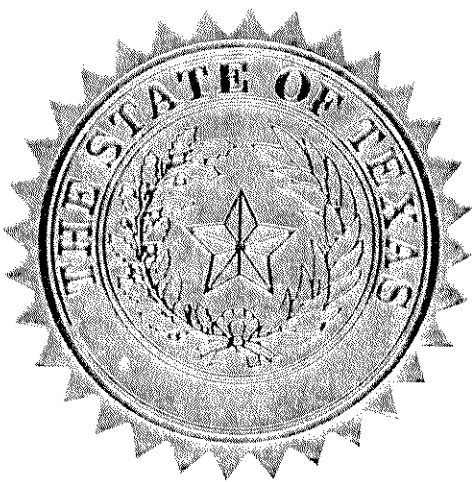
House Bill No. 2990 directs the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to include an electronic monitoring and tracking system to monitor the physical location and safety of inmates, employees, third-party vendors, and visitors in any correctional facility designed and built after September 1, 2007.

While I believe that an electronic monitoring and tracking system has merit, I do not believe it should be required by law, especially when funds were not specifically appropriated as part of the bond funds that the TDCJ may be able to utilize for prison construction, if approved by the voters.

A better approach is to have the TDCJ evaluate how an electronic monitoring and tracking system might improve its operations and safety as part of the construction design process.

Therefore, I direct the Texas Board of Criminal Justice to ensure that this evaluation occurs.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2007.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Roger Williams

ROGER WILLIAMS
Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

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